



MARKET FOR SUCCESS

WE MEASURE OUR SUCCESS ACCORDING TO THE IMPACT WE HAVE IN DRIVING YOUR BUSINESS FORWARD.

Through Iowa Self-Employment (ISE), entrepreneurs may receive technical and/or financial assistance to start, expand or acquire a business. ISE offers orientations, business consultation, counseling services, and opportunities to collaborate with other professionals.

"Empowering clients to turn their entrepreneurial dreams into reality while doing what I do best, every day. It just doesn't get any better than that!"

*Dennis Bogenrief, MBA
ISE Business Development Specialist*



Is Iowa Self-Employment right for you?

CONTACT US TODAY TO FIND OUT!

IVRS

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**Vocational
Rehabilitation**
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IOWA SELF- EMPLOYMENT

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**WE ARE COMMITTED TO
PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL
STRATEGIES THAT DIRECTLY
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SUCCESS.**

"It is not always an easy process to create a new working life that suits not only one's disabilities, but also takes into consideration family, community and personal goals. However, clients share finding the process and outcomes as extraordinarily fulfilling, both personally and economically. We don't always know where we will end up, but the finalized plan and proposals almost always represent a far greater dream and attainable goal than where we started."

*Debbie Grace
IVRS Rehabilitation Counselor*

"A key to the success of my firm was formed from the professional advice and services offered through the Self-Employment program."

*Kristopher R. Kunze, PE
KCL Engineering
Des Moines, Iowa*

**IOWA SELF-EMPLOYMENT (ISE)
PROGRAM**

Iowa Self-Employment (ISE) is a program designed for clients of Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) or Iowa Department for the Blind (IDB), whose vocational goal is self-employment. This program is administered by IVRS and works in partnership with IDB. Following eligibility and self-employment assessment, a referral may be sent to ISE personnel.

ISE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Have a qualifying disability that results in a barrier to employment
- Demonstrate knowledge, skills, ability and interest to own, operate, and actively manage a business
- At least 51% ownership in an appropriate, legal and for-profit Iowa-based business
- An employment plan that outlines a goal to achieve economic independence
- An approved ISE program application

WHAT WE DO/HOW WE DO IT

ISE works with the IVRS/IDB counselor and professional staff to outline a plan of action to assess an individual's qualifications, the business idea and feasibility that facilitates development of the business plan. A client may be eligible to receive Technical Assistance (TA) and/or Financial Assistance (FA).

Our Vision

is to provide quality, expert, client-centered services to Iowans with disabilities that embrace diversity, promote successful business ownership and result in self-sufficiency and economic development.

Long recognized as serving Iowans with disabilities, IVRS began expanding self-employment options in 2007. ISE has helped many individuals in various occupations such as:

**Accident Reconstructionist
Auto Repair
Carpentry
Chiropractic
Construction
Consulting
Engineering
Equine Assisted Therapy
Exotic Animal Breeder
Tax Services
Taxidermy
Veterinary Medicine
Videographer
Woodworking**